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(PCT Rule 44*bis*)

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International application No. PCT/US2006/037714	International filing date *(day/month/year)* 27 September 2006 (27.09.2006)	Priority date *(day/month/year)* 28 September 2005 (28.09.2005)
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237		
Applicant CYPRESS BIOSCIENCE, INC.		

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43*bis*.1)

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IPC(8) - A61K31/165 (2007.01)
USPC - 514/619

Applicant Cypress Bioscience, Inc.

1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43*bis*.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1*bis*(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

   ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed

   ☐ a translation of the international application into _____ , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

   a. type of material

      ☐ a sequence listing

      ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing

   b. format of material

      ☐ on paper

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   c. time of filing/furnishing

      ☐ contained in the international application as filed

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      ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search

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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43*bis*.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-20	YES
	Claims	none	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	none	YES
	Claims	1-20	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-20	YES
	Claims	none	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1-20 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over US 2004/0228830 A1 to Hirsh et al. (hereinafter 'Hirsh').

As per claim 1, 2, and 3, directed to a method of providing long-term treatment of fibromyalgia syndrome, Hirsh discloses that milnacipran which is a norepinephrine (NE) and serotonin (5-HT) reuptake inhibitor (NSRI) (para [0004]) could produce a therapeutic effect over fibromyalgia syndrome patients (para [0017]) and that Patients received either milnacipran 75-100 mg/day twice daily for 8 weeks (para [0007]). It would have been obvious for a person having ordinary skills in the art to administer milnacipran, an NSRI and a dual re-uptake inhibitor (DRI), to provide a long-term treatment for fibromyalgia.

As per claim 4, directed to the method of claims 3, respectively, it is obvious for reasons set forth for claim 3, and further because Hirsh discloses that patients received either milnacipran 75-100 mg/day twice daily (para [0007]). It would have been obvious for a person having ordinary skills in the art to further specify that the milnacipran is administered in a dose between about 25 mg per day and about 400 mg per day.

As per claims 5, 6, directed to the method of claim 4, respectively, they are obvious for reasons set forth for claim 4, and further because Hirsh discloses that In a double-blind, randomized, multicenter clinical study, patients received 100 mg/day milnacipran or 200 mg/day (para [0007]). It would have been obvious for a person having ordinary skills in the art to further specify that the milnacipran is administered in a dose of about 100 mg per day or 200 mg per day.

As per claim 7, directed to the method of claim 1, it is obvious for reasons set forth for claim 1, and further because It would have required only ordinary knowledge in the art to administer DRI for at least 6 months to provide a longer-term treatment and durable effect for fibromyalgia.

As per claims 8 and 18, they are obvious for reasons set forth for claim 1, and further because Hirsh discloses that milnacipran could provide relief from pain (para [0017]) and that in one of the early clinical trials, milnacipran dosage of 200 mg/day was superior to the lower doses (para [0010]) and that the incidence of certain adverse events increases with dosage, including nausea, vomiting, sweating, hot flushes, palpitations, tremor, anxiety, dysuria, and insomnia (para [0006]). It would have been obvious for a person having ordinary skills in the art to administer about 200 mg per day of milnacipran for thetreatment of acute pain so as to get better therapeutic effect and then decrease the dose of milnacipran to about 100 mg per day when the acute pain has been treated to decrease the incidence of certain adverse events and administer about 100 mg per day of milnacipran to the patient for at least three months for the long-term treatment of fibromyalgia and its symptoms.

As per claim 9, directed to the method of claim 1, it is obvious for reasons set forth for claim 1, and further because Hirsh discloses that milnacipran can be administered adjunctively with other active compounds such as analgesics, antidepressants, antiepileptics, antihistamines, antimigraine drugs, antimuscarinics, sedatives, hypnotics, antipsychotics, bronchodilators, anti asthma drugs, cardiovascular drugs, corticosteroids, dopaminergics, electrolytes, gastro-intestinal drugs, muscle relaxants, nutritional agents, vitamins, parasympathomimetics, stimulants, anorectics and anti-narcoleptics (para [0086]).

As per claim 10, directed to the method of claim 9, it is obvious for reasons set forth for claim 9, and further because Hirsh discloses that "[s]pecific examples of compounds that can be adjunctively administered with milnacipran include, but are not limited to, amphetamine, caffeine clonidine codeine modafinil, morphine, gabapentin, propranolol, pregabalin, pramipexole, sibutramine, tizanidine, tramado1,and isomers, salts, and combinations thereof." (para [0087])

As per claim 11, it is obvious for reasons set forth for claims 1 and 8, and further because it would have been obvious for a person having ordinary skills in the art to administer a dual re-uptake inhibitor (DRI) to the patient for at least three months to provide long-term treatment of a pain symptom associated with fibromya1gia syndrome in a patient.

As per claims 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, they are obvious for reasons set forth for claim 11, and, individually for claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, respectively.

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Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

Claims 12-18 are objected to because they are identical to claims 2-8, respectively.

Claim 12 was searched as being dependent on claim 11 instead of claim 1;
Claim 13 was searched as being dependent on claim 12 instead of claim 2;
Claim 14 was searched as being dependent on claim 13 instead of claim 3;
Claims 15 and 16 were searched as being dependent on claim 14 instead of claim 4;
Claim 17 was searched as being dependent on claim 11 instead of claim 1.

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As per claim 19, directed to the method of claim 11, comprising adjunctively administering a second active compound, wherein the second active compound is selected from the group consisting of an antidepressant, an analgesic, a muscle relaxant, an anorectic, a stimulant, an antiepileptic drug, a beta blocker, a sedative, a hypnotic and combinations thereof, Hirsh discloses that "milnacipran can be administered adjunctively with other active compounds such as analgesics, antidepressants, antiepileptics, antihistamines, antimigraine drugs, antimuscarinics, sedatives, hypnotics, antipsychotics, bronchodilators, anti asthma drugs, cardiovascular drugs, corticosteroids, dopaminergics, electrolytes, gastro-intestinal drugs, muscle relaxants, nutritional agents, vitamins, parasympathomimetics, stimulants, anorectics and anti-narcoleptics." (para [0086])

As per claim 20, directed to the method of claim 19, wherein the second active compound is selected from the group consisting ofmodafinil, XP13512, gabapentin, pregabalin, pramipexole, 1DOPA, amphetamine, tizanidine, clonidine, tramadol, morphine, tricyclic antidepressants, codeine, cambamazepine, sibutramine, valium, trazodone, caffeine, nicergoline, bifemelane, propranolol, atenolol and combinations thereof, Hirsh discloses that "[s]pecific examples of compounds that can be adjunctively administered with milnacipran include, but are not limited to, amphetamine, caffeine clonidine codeine modafinil, morphine, gabapentin, propranolol, pregabalin, pramipexole, sibutramine, tizanidine, tramado1,and isomers, salts, and combinations thereof." (para [0087])

Claims 1-20 have industrial applicability as defined by PCT Article 33(4) because the subject matter can be made or used in industry.